

LOVE  
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Part I

When Mary Baker Eddy discovered God to be *Love*, and thus divine Principle, she wrote, "LOVE. What a word! I am in awe before it." (*Miscellaneous Writings*) Why does she say "in awe before it"? Is this a Promised Land, a universe of Love, which we look for, and hope with longing prayer some day to be able to experience? Mrs. Eddy also says, "I have a world of wisdom and Love to contemplate. . . ." (*Ibid*) Where is this universe of Love before which our Leader stood in awe? Was it not her own conscious identification?

What does the word awe mean? It has the meaning of sublime, wonder, majesty and reverence. She saw that this universe was her own universal body and that man is this wonder of eternal Mind, — that man is the sublimity of Truth, the majesty of Principle, the freshness of Soul, the unalterable fact of perfect being. Then, cannot we too stand "in awe" before this word *Love*? Man is not something outside, contemplating Love. We can acknowledge here and now that man is the universe of Love. Man lives in and as divine Love. Man moves in and as divine Love. Man has being in and as divine Love. This is the oneness of Father and son, Mind and its infinite, indissoluble manifestation.

The "Scientific Statement of Being" as given in the Christian Science textbook, *Science and Health with Key to*

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*the Scriptures*, by Mary Baker Eddy, shows us that we never have been a part of a universe of time and personal sense, that only infinite Mind is infinitely manifesting itself, is All. So we are to acknowledge that this universe of Love is body, is home, is government, is church, is man, is All. Therefore, let us get used to being the universe of Love — not something that wants to be loved, not something that is trying to find something or someone to love — but that man is the loveliness of Love! Our Leader saw that this synonym *Love* also embraces the intrinsic value of the quality *Principle* within it. In this concept of the divine Principle, Love, we find the Love that never faileth, the Love that is impersonal, the Love that is universal. There is no personal sense to love or to be loved. If we refuse to accept the world belief that we are persons, then we will not be trying to love. God is Love, and man is the expression of God's loving. Man does not love; man is God loving, God being, Man is the embodiment of God, Principle, Love itself

Someone once asked, "Please define the word *Love*." And I answered, "You cannot define it intellectually. You can only live it!" Yes, Love must be lived. Love must be felt. This Love is living, and this Love is feeling, is conscious identity, and It centers on the very minutiae of our daily life. Love goes to every part of the body, universe, government, home, church, and makes it every whit whole. In her poem, "Satisfied," Mrs. Eddy writes, "It matters not what be thy lot, so Love doth guide. . ." And she continues, "And of these stones, and tyrants' thrones, God able is to raise up seed — in thought and deed — to faithful His." The "stones" are disposed of because Love knows nothing hard, nothing harsh. Love is the law of refinement. The law of Love is the law of purity. It is the law of gentleness. When someone asked Satchmo Armstrong, the Jazz artist to define Jazz, he replied, "When you have to define it, brother, you ain't got it!" So when we try to define Love,

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we do not have it. Love cannot be defined. Words cannot define Love. Love is Soul, and Soul is indefinable. It is a feeling, Love is the term for God that must be felt. To feel and know that God is Love, and that this Love is present and felt, is to give the cup of cold water in Christ's name.

Now let us see that this day is proceeding from and resting upon Love. It has no objects of sense in it to love or be loved.

It is simply Love — immaculate, wholesome, pure Love, seeing nothing unlike itself. This is the message of today: that "Love never loses sight of loveliness." (*Science and Health*) Sometimes we are tempted to believe that we like someone, or that we dislike someone. But let us see that to like or dislike is personal; it is the evil, hypnotic suggestion that one is personal, local. Let us heal this suggestion today, and see that man is Love loving. It is the pure Love of God.

Why did Mrs. Eddy begin the chapter on "Christian Science Practice" with an illustration of pure impersonal Love? (*Science and Health*) Here was Mary Magdalene, a "strange woman," an outcast. Yet, Jesus knew that the Love that is God, is present in all its immaculateness, all its purity, to outshine any suggestion contrary to this Love. Mrs. Eddy says that if the Scientist reaches his patient through divine Love, the healing will be instantaneous. Then, in order to have instantaneous healing in our work, we must have the Love that is divine. It is not enough to be loving; it is not enough to be kind — this will not heal. But the Love that looks right straight through that which calls itself the patient, and sees Love that is God, this will outshine the patient, and then the patient will say, "I am well."

What is the patient? The patient is not a person, a place, or a thing. The patient is simply the suggestion that God is not all-present and not all-power. God is all-present, and God is all-power, and nothing apart from

Him is present or has power. Therefore, the Christian Science treatment that knows itself to be Love, knows itself to be the Love that is Principle. It is always restful, peaceful. It never makes the mistake of taking in the picture and then trying to heal it. Christian Science heals scientifically. Christian Science heals metaphysically. Christian Science does *not* heal physically. It does *not* heal theologically. Christian Science is metaphysical healing, and this healing comes in the understanding that the only Mind there is, is present, and it alone is present to manifest or to express itself So let us be obedient to our Leader and find this way of Love.

Our Leader was never interested in what someone thought of her or said about her. She did not live as a person. When she asked in one of her classes, "Do you love me?" they all replied, "Yes." Then she said, "Love, and include me, but don't love me [as a person]." The moment we have an object to love, our love ceases to be Principle. The Love that is Principle loves — it loves as the sun shines; it knows nothing unlike itself Is not this the reason that our Leader says that the adamant of self-will, self-love, self-justification are against spirituality? The true sense of Love as Principle, being present and in manifestation, will not leave a self to be willful, a self that needs to be justified, or that could possibly love a false sense.

The Love that is Principle is present now, and is specifically felt, universally felt, and man is this feeling of Love's presence. Man has no other feeling because man's Soul is God, man's Mind is God, man's substance is God, man's seeing is God. Then all there is to man, is God being what God is — and what God is, man is, by reflection. Man gives back to God all that God gives. This is reflection.

Man has nothing as man. Man is simply the term, the scientific term for all that God is being. Hence this universal, generic man includes all identification. Is this not the reason that the Bible says, "My glory will I not give



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to another"? It must be, because there is no "another." The Bible also states, "Thou shalt have no gods before Me" — that is, thou shalt have no love before Me, thou shall have no identification before Me. This "Me" is Spirit, God. Our Leader tells us that Spirit constitutes its identification, man. Then is man something separate from God that must love? Or is man the Love that is Principle giving identity to itself? We know the answer is the latter,

Do not be afraid of what Christian Science teaches. We know Christian Science has lifted us out of the petty, personal love — the love that parades as person. The common popular use of this word love has been far removed from the true meaning — the Love that is Principle — and has taken on the connotation of lust. Let us know that animal magnetism cannot take this pure, unadulterated word *Love* and call it lust. Let us be sure that we see that Love never possesses its object. Love inspires, Love designates, Love illumines. It is therefore necessary for us today to be clear that the Love that is Principle, is alone present.

The Love, the Truth, the Life, the law that is God, constitutes its identity, and this identity is man. Man is Mind's way of making itself known as the operation of good. The indivisible I AM as cause, effect, present and identified, is the very function of his identity. Hence there is no man there, no man here. This man is everywhere. Even if it looks like another, it still is the indivisible I AM THAT I AM.

We are sometimes fooled by this false sense of a personal love, and then we seem to feel guilt-ridden, condemned, unwanted, unloved. Let us say to this evil hypnotic suggestion: There is no Truth in this picture that you are presenting, because to be truthful, it must be loving, kind, because God is Love. Love means freedom, Love means perfect action, Love means perfect functioning. There is, therefore, no Love in this picture of self-condemnation, and because there is no Love in it, then

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there is no Truth in it, because Love alone is Life — God.

See that man's identity cannot be reached by any evil suggestion whatever no matter what form it seems to take, or in what form it seems to appear. God, Love, does not know it or see it, and God is all-knowing, and God is all-seeing. Then what is it that sees it and knows it and feels it? Is it not the opposite? Mrs. Eddy writes, "The exterminator of error is the great truth that God, good, is the *only Mind.*" (*Science and Health*) Let us remember that this Mind is Love, the Love that is Principle, the Love that never loses sight of loveliness. Therefore, nothing can obscure this Love, nothing can *deflect* this Love and call its deflection a human being with flesh, living in personal sense, or time sense and space sense.

There is no space in the law of Love. God fills all space. Where then is the human being? God and man are co-existent. Then where is the personality? When all is Mind and Mind is infinite, All-in-all, there is no space left for error, personal sense, to occupy! All space is filled with God. There is no space. There is no space to conquer, there is no space to go into. God, real, tangible, solid, firm, is all-present. Thus, there is no space! Let us handle this argument that there is space to conquer, space to be explored. There is no space between God and man, and God and man is the one universal being — the being that is both cause and effect. Since God fills all space, where is the patient? Where is this demand that says, "Heal me, please."? Where is this personal body, when God is All-in-all? We must live this Christ attitude — that is, this pure, whole, perfect Love that Christian Science is demonstrating!

Christian Science, through the law of Love, elevates — it never condemns. That is why Mrs. Eddy begins the chapter on "Prayer" in the textbook, with unselfed love. An *unselfed love* is quite different from an *unselfish love*, An unselfed love is the love that has no self With unselfish love, there are persons involved — someone feels so un-

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selfish because he is doing what he calls loving acts, kind acts for others, wearing himself out, permitting animal magnetism to rob him. But unselfed love is the Love in which there is no self, there is just the Love that is Principle expressing itself

Jesus lived the *agape* love — the love of compassion, the love of pure redemption, the love of restoration, which looks through the offensive act and sees the pure Christ-man. Thus Jesus could say, "Thy sins are forgiven," because the sin was no part of man, the glory of God. When the *agape* love is being experienced, there is nothing to condemn.

This word, *agape*, is one of several Greek words, all of which are translated as "love" in the English version of the Bible. The Greek language has separate words: *philos* to express brotherly love, as the word *Philadelphia*; *eros* to express romantic love, and so on. But in the original Greek testaments, the word for "love" most often attributed to Jesus, is *agape*. *Agape* means the love that loves simply because it is love, without respect to persons. It is the love which needs no object, the love that is universal, the love that never loses sight of loveliness. Thus, it was the *agape* love with which Jesus beheld all. So when the *agape* love is being experienced, there is nothing to condemn. The Christ model is seen to be the only model. It is the model from the "Sermon on the Mount;" it is the model from which Jesus beheld the perfect man.

See with this Christ-vision with which Jesus saw constantly If a sinning mortal appeared to Jesus, he looked through it and saw the model of Love, of God — that is, the Christliness of all being, intact, perfect. We are not seeing mortals. We are not sinning mortals trying to be immortal, or trying to make the old into the new. Nor are we made up of a congregation of persons called Christian Scientists who look at other Christian Scientists, and judge them as to whether or not they are acting up to what they

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feel is Christian Science. Why do we permit this adulteration? Anything is immoral or adulterous that sees less than pure being! In the Bible, we read, "Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God." To see something less than God and call it man, is to adulterate. Man is God's action; man is God functioning. Jesus said, "Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." We are alone with our own being and with the reality of things. Then we must never see man as effect. *See God*, cause in being. This "seeing" is man.

Are we elevating the membership of our churches? In the Glossary of the textbook under the definition of CHURCH, Mrs. Eddy writes, "The Church is that institution . . . found elevating the race." (*Science and Health*) Are we critical of one another? Do we permit self-condemnation to suggest itself? To elevate the race, is joyful exaltation, joyful acknowledgment and acceptance of the Science of being as present identification. This is elevation. It constitutes self-immolation, unselfed love. In this elevation, we must learn to go unto the mountain, the "Mount of Transfiguration" so to speak. From the mountain, the pettiness of personal sense begins to disappear. We begin to lose all sense of persons, because from the mountain, the light of ever-present Love exalts us, but not emotionally, nor in a mental intoxication.

It exalts us beyond the use of words, beyond phraseology, beyond stereotyped, borrowed speeches. It exalts us into singing. It is the quietness which comes when sense is dumb, and the still, small voice of calm becomes the voice of God, the inward voice saying, "I AM THAT I AM."

As long as we stay on the level of condemnation or persona) sense, we have forfeited the Christ-vision which is the only healer. Condemnation, is to accept evil on its own basis, It says, "Give me a man," Christian Science does not give evil a man, because Christian Science recognizes



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the only man there is, the expression of God's being, God's own self-reflection. In Christian Science, we are not dealing with material personalities possessing separate, private minds which must be educated in order to have salvation.

In Christian Science, we find that there is but one infinite Mind identifying itself as all the Mind there is. All the man there is, is conscious identity. Nothing is present as personality. What is present is divine Mind expressing itself Christian Science shows us how to stay on the Mount and look out from the perfect vision that is God. Looking through the eyes of God, spiritual discernment, we see nothing unlike the risen Christ.

In the story of Jacob, we meet the claim of animality and jealousy, plus the attempt to steal the birthright of another. Then the fear comes, and the fear says, "Run!" So Jacob runs into a foreign country. He soon begins to accumulate what are called "goods." But he wants to return home eventually. How can he return home when his brother has threatened to kill him? Perhaps it was necessary for Jacob to have that struggle in order to see that man was never born, that man never dies, and that man's birthright as the son of God is forever intact. When Jacob began to see that he was not a person who had wronged another, that he was not a person to be condemned, that he was not a person to hide; when he saw himself to be the Christ nature of God, then he could say, "the day breaketh."

Yes, "the day breaketh" the moment we acknowledge that man is the son of God, and that man never was a prodigal, never lost his eternal birthright, never fell from the heaven of God's presence. This is to be the *agape* love to oneself It is not enough to be this *agape* love to what is called "another;" but we must be this Love that is God to ourselves! We are willing to forgive another, and yet too often we are not willing to forgive ourselves. It was necessary in the case of Jacob, that he see his brother's face as if it were the face of God. It was also necessary for Jacob to

lift up his own face without spot, to see his own face as the face of God.

Indeed, "the day breaketh," the day of Truth, the day of Love. It will keep breaking until we have the full Noon, the glory of the fullness of God's presence. Let not the evangel go — that is, hold as Jacob held, and declare, "I will not let you go until you have blessed me" — until you see yourself as the Love that is God, as the self-expressing I AM. Stand in awe before your true identification. Then the day no longer breaketh because it is the fullness of light itself. It is the eternal Noon — It knows no sunrise, It knows no sunset. It is the charity that never faileth, "Greater love hath no man than this," to lay down all sense of self so that he might see and be the Love that is God. This is the baptism of Spirit that Mrs. Eddy referred to in "Pond and Purpose" as the "omnipotent act" that "drops the curtain on material man and mortality." (*Miscellaneous Writings*)

When we start out from the standpoint of divine Science, (and there is no other standpoint), our Leader reminds us that we must know the starting point is that God, Spirit, is All-in-all, and there is no other might nor Mind. God is Love, and therefore He is divine Principle -then we know our starting point is correct. Thus what appears to be "another" is really not "another;" it is the Love that is God saying I AM — I AM ALL.

Jesus said, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."

Sometimes the Love that is Principle appears stern to personal sense, as in the case of Peter, when Jesus rebuked him. "But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savorest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men." Yet it was this Love that is Principle that was needed in Peter's experience. When this Love met the mob about to stone the woman, what did

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Jesus do? What did Mary Baker Eddy do with the same woman in the chapter on "Christian Science Practice"? Did they not both speak with the penetrating Christ-Love when they said, "Thy sins are forgiven"? Why? Because *agape* love knows no sin, knows no sinner. We must be this impartial, universal Love. We must abide in that spiritual state that does not fight error as a reality, but confidently allows Love to resolve it. In doing so, we live Christian Science. "Understanding is the line of demarcation between the real and unreal. Spiritual understanding unfolds Mind, — Life, Truth, and Love, — and demonstrates the divine sense, giving the spiritual proof of the universe in Christian Science." (*Science and Health*)

Are we aware that we have this spiritual understanding that is the line of demarcation, or separation, between the Love that is Principle, and the love that is personal? When this spiritual understanding is seen to be the identity of the one and only being — God, man, being one — then the line between reality and unreality is established. Then one is never fooled by appearances, and makes no attempt to treat the unreal, to make it conform to reality, or to make the unreal, real. Unreality cannot be treated to make it a better unreality. The "Scientific Statement of Being" has shown us that matter is unreal and temporal. Then anything that matter presents must be unreal and untrue.

The work of the metaphysician is to see what is reality, and to identify the world with, and as, this reality. As this Truth of being, or reality, is accepted, God and man *one* being, we must turn on the so-called mental assassin that would impose itself as the ego. We must dismiss it as unreal, and not try to treat it. We must see it as the murderer from the beginning — that is, we must see it as that which would deny the infinity of our being, that would deny the eternity of our being. Let us be certain that man has never been less than God being Love itself. We must dismiss the unreal with an abiding conviction that it is unreal.

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God does not need a treatment; man exists as God being, so man needs no treatment either. Then this whole picture is nothing, and must be seen as nothing, for there is no God in it, and therefore there is no man in it. The one harmonious being — God, man, one — must be seen as all. Never see man as separated from God even for an instant. See man as God *being*, God in action, God loving, God knowing. This is the only possible way reflection can be experienced.

Let us know we cannot be made to forget that spiritual sense alone testifies to the Truth of our being; that corporeal sense lies and cheats. It cannot tell us the truth, because there is no truth in it. Why listen then to that which would defraud and is wholly dishonest? We cannot be made to believe that there is something present besides God, man, for where man is, God is. So God is all that is, and this is Love, this is Principle.

We know that the starting point of divine Science is that God, Spirit, is All-in-all and there is no other Mind, and this God is Principle, Love. Therefore, man is both lovely and lovable, because man is God being Love. Thus, we must never try to be loving; this denotes personal sense. We must see that the Love that is God is present and cannot be interrupted, cannot be interfered with. Never, under any circumstances, try to make yourself loving, or try to make yourself love someone. Instead, acknowledge that the Love that is divine Principle, the Love that alone is Life, the Love that is Truth, the Love that is Soul — with all of its feeling, with all of its action — this Love is present, and is identifying itself as the only self This leaves nothing but Love to be experienced.

To have the feeling of Love itself, is to be relaxed, free, noble, grand. To feel happy and comfortable in the presence of what appears as others, is to be the

Love that is alone present. Love is always comfortable, peaceful, balanced, calm. Love never tries to heal.



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Love never loses sight of loveliness, for the Love that is incorporeal, divine, supreme, infinite, sees nothing that cannot be loved. I have seen the most stubborn cases healed when all argument was laid aside,

Reality knows nothing of a personal nature, does not respond to it and does not record it. The procession of false mental pictures — birth, growth, maturity, decay, death — these false mental pictures leave no impression on fundamental consciousness, "The divine understanding reigns, is all, and there is no other consciousness." (*Science and Health*) This procession of false mental pictures, calling themselves waking dreams, sleeping dreams, must be seen as having no identity — not a person, a place, nor a thing. It is simply the way the one negative, carnal, so-called mind is appearing, or suggesting itself. It says 'I' when it is not 'I' at all. The Ego is divine and is constantly identifying itself, its nature, its essence, its wholeness; and this identification is given the term man. See that man is the scientific term for all that God is knowing, being, seeing. Man is not something separate from God. Man is God's consciousness of what God is. God is All, and the consciousness is man.

Nothing exists but God and God's idea. Be certain that you see that this consciousness knows only its present perfection. We must watch gossip. Yes, many of us are wise and alert not to gossip about what we call "another." We know the deadliness of having "another." To have another is to have the devil, and it will act like the devil. Mrs. Eddy has said, "Have but one God, and you will have no devil." Let us see that we must not gossip with ourselves, either. We must not gossip with ourselves concerning what we said, what we did, or what we didn't say or didn't do. It is all a form of egotism, self-importance, sympathetic mesmerism, all attempting to get us out into the procession.

It was related that Mrs. Eddy once said to her students that we get up in the morning, wash our garments

clean, and then go forth into the day, and enter the procession of many. We enter the procession *of* people doing, people not doing. We see ourselves as personal Christian Scientists approving and disapproving, liking those who like what we like, and vote as we vote, but disliking those who do not do things our way. We see people smoking and let false personal sense come in with its self-righteousness. We see people drinking. We see ads on the television telling us to take this or to take that. Then, in a form *of* self-righteousness, we condemn it. But do we really see that it isn't going on at all? No electrical contrivance calling itself television, radio, and the like, can make it real, nor can it leave an impression on us. See that there is only the Soul that is God present, and the Soul that is God is identifying itself in its purity.

*LET US STOP MALPRACTICING UPON OUR WORLD.* Let us today, wash our garments clean! Wash them clean, and keep them clean. Why this senseless parading? Is it because we do not accept the "Scientific Statement of Being"? It must be. Do we see that we are not persons doing or not doing? Do we understand that the Mind that is infinite, the Mind that is divine, the Mind that is All, is present and expressing itself lawfully, joyously and intelligently?

The human mind claims to be expressing itself through personalities. The divine Mind, reality, is expressing itself through its ever-present Christ. This is the law of refinement, the law of perfection; it is the law of recovery to that which seems to be lost; it is the law of annihilation to that which should be annihilated. It is the law to all — one and all. Let us be sure we see that right where the human so-called mind is depicting us as humans needing to solve problems, fight there the divine Mind is expressing itself in its indivisible, universal nature. This is most important because it is the Christ restoration.

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In *Science and Health*, we read, "Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need." (*Science and Health*) We sometimes believe that any seeming need will be met simply by declaring this truth. But the statement says it is divine Love that will meet the need. Then ask yourself — Where is my divine Love? It is divine Love that wipes out the human need. It is this great Love, divine Love, that is so needed today. If we start out from the standpoint of divine Love, not the human need, then the standpoint is correct. Seek ye first divine Love, the kingdom of God, and all shall be added unto you. A human need is simply the absence of Love — that is, the *suggested* absence of Love. So in order to meet the human need, we must see that the Love that is Principle is present, in operation, and that it is specifically felt. This leaves no absence called the human need. But let us see clearly that it is divine Love that meets the need — the Love that is impartial, universal, all-inclusive, not a selfish sense, but all-inclusive. This is what meets the need — Love that is divine Principle,

It is the true sense of *agape* love that is so needed by the world today. This love is not persons trying to be loving, but it is the absence of that which is called personality; it is the absence of that which is called personal sense, that lets the Love that is divine outshine the offensive people around us, outshine that which would be offensive to all. Then we no longer will throw "stones" so-to-speak, at others; but like Jesus, we too can say, "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone," But all are with sin when they see their brother as a personality, or see their brother as something less than God being. The only "stone" there is, is the hardness of heart which refuses to see our brother's face as if it were the face of God.

On page 412 of *Science and Health*, a marginal note says; "Eloquent silence." Beginning at line 13, we read, "The power of Christian Science and divine Love is omnipotent. It is indeed adequate to unclasp the hold and to destroy

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disease, sin, and death." Then what is this "eloquent silence"? It is the Love that needs no words to say, "I love." The Love that is Principle needs no words. It is expressed in thought and action. The Love that is Principle is so all-inclusive, so universal, it leaves nothing unloved. This pure, divine, all-inclusive Love is light; when it is turned on in the world, the darkness, the personal sense, cannot cling. Darkness does not cling to the things in a room when we turn on the light. So when we turn on the Love that is divine, darkness, hate, resentment, harsh feelings — the stones of personal sense — are dissolved, and leave only the Love that is God, present. Let us see that the Love that is Principle, with its infinite penetration, is all that is present anywhere. And this is universal.

We need to claim our birthright of freedom and our birthright of loveliness. To claim means to demand on the grounds of right; to hold; to be true against implied denial or doubt. We must demand with the birthright of the son of God, with divine authority, that the Love that is Principle is present to be experienced. As long as one is experiencing Life — and that is forever — one must experience Love, because Life and Love are synonymous. Life and Love that is Principle, are inherent in our birthright under divine authority.

In our textbook, Mrs. Eddy gives us this "testimony of Spirit:" "I am Spirit Man, whose senses are spiritual, is my likeness. He reflects the infinite understanding, for I am Infinity. The beauty of holiness, the perfection of being, imperishable glory, — all are Mine, for I am God. I give immortality to man, for I am Truth. I include and impart all bliss, for I am Love. I give life, without beginning and without end, for I am Life. I am supreme and give all, for I am Mind. I am the substance of all, because I AM THAT I AM." It is this infinite understanding, this beauty of holiness, this perfection of being, this impartial, glowing, flowing Love that leaves no dam called "Adam."



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It leaves no Adam-man called "me" or "you;" only the flowing, loving, knowing straight from Principle. It becomes the substance of all, the action of all, and this is the inheritance that belongs to the son of God.

Acknowledge your birthright here and now, and know that nothing can interfere with that birthright, the birthright of dominion, the birthright of inclusiveness. We must not only claim every quality of God as constituting identity, but we must live these qualities against any attempted denial or doubt. The force of Love that is Principle, Love — here and now — repels every suggestion of the carnal, negative, evil one, and we can say, "Thy will be done," because the will of God is the will of Love. That Love is all that is present to be experienced here, now, everywhere — and always. Let us never be fooled, even for a moment, into believing that there is something present that needs to be eliminated.

LOVE! Love! This is the word that best describes our dear Father-Mother God, and it is the word that best describes man, God's love made manifest. Be this Love! Sing this Love! Rejoice in this Love, because it is the substance of your being. It is your action, it is your blood, it is your digestion, it is your assimilation, it is your very heart-beat, it is the pressure, it is the circulation, it is the temperature! It is everything that means *health*, that means wholeness, that means completeness! In short, as our Leader wrote in the last verse of her poem *LOVE* — "For Love alone is Life; And life most sweet, as heart to heart Speaks kindly when we meet and part." Let us thank God that we are living the Love that is Principle — this undeviating Love, this continuous Love, that is All!

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Students of Christian Science should be obedient to the *Manual of The Mother Church - The First Church of Christ,*

*Scientist*, and learn how to defend themselves against aggressive mental suggestion. Let us declare to aggressive mental suggestion: You, malicious animal magnetism, in the guise of thought, you cannot use this concept called *me or another* to lust with, to fear with, to die with, nor can you discredit Christian Science, its teachings, the office of the Christ. You, malicious animal magnetism, cannot kill this concept through any claim of natural law. This human concept can only be translated with the ideal Christ, reality, and then the misconception disappears naturally, as darkness gives place to light. This translation carries all back into Mind as Mind. This is the Christ man, constituted of Godliness, and purity.

You, animal magnetism in the guise of religion, calling yourself Roman Catholicism, you cannot damn this concept nor keep it in hell, when heaven is the normal experience of man. You, animal magnetism, in the guise of government called "communism" et cetera, cannot manipulate, control, or brain-wash this concept, nor any concept, or interfere with the mental processes called "reasoning;" you cannot use electricity to impart suggestions to brain cells and have them carry out your diabolical schemes. Man has no brain made up of millions of electrical cells. There is no intelligence in matter, and so-called "brain" is just so much non-intelligent matter within the skull! Man, divine idea, functions as the presence of the Christ Mind. It is Mind expressing itself, for Mind is God.

This Christ treatment here and now absolves man, completely and absolutely, from every aggressive mental suggestion. This Christ likeness dispels the silly moths whose flimsy and gaudy pretensions singe their own wings. In this Christ light, this understanding translates the concept called "me", "you", "him", "her", into the ideal man, and can say, "Before Abraham was, I am." Nothing then is left to sin, to suffer, to die. The curtain goes up, and reveals man of the vast forever, man coexisting, man

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co-eternal, man coextensive with the infinite God that is All; man, never born, never aging; man the glory and the perfection that is being, giving evidence of its own perfection, freedom, and blessing.

You, animal magnetism, cannot pull this curtain down, and upon your screen called human consciousness show a finite me, damned, afraid. You, animal magnetism, cannot argue that there is a physical body calling itself me; you cannot suggest urgency, saying, "Heal me quickly, or I die." Because there is no "me" here but God. This "me" is all right, because it is God being the only me there is; it is Principle being its own idea — this one, universal being, God and man. Nor can you delay healing through the suggestion that this condition is difficult, or that it can not be healed, or that it is incurable. Christian Science healing is metaphysical, not physical. Christian Science heals divinely. Christian Science heals scientifically, not theologically. Christian Science healing is the operation of divine Principle, light, before which darkness is seen to be nothing.

Christian Science treatment does not create health, but Christian Science treatment removes the fear and the misconception, which appear to objectify themselves as false mental pictures, or error. From the starting point of divine Principle, Love, there is no fear. This is more important than to know there is no disease. In *Science and Health*, Mrs. Eddy writes, "If Spirit or the power of divine Love bear witness to the truth, this is the ultimatum, the scientific way, and the healing is instantaneous." On the same page she says, "Always begin your treatment by allaying the fear of patients." In the presence of the Love that is divine, all that fear can do is dissolve. That which seems to have objectified itself is dissolved with it. Then all will conform to the flawless, indestructible spiritual reality. This flawless, functioning presence is the cause of all identity. Man, effect, body, home, business, government,

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employment — these are all the flawless functioning presence of God, Love. All is Love's immaculate conception, wholly established in its wholeness and completeness; thus nothing is left but heaven being experienced.

It is important to know that there is no fear, because without fear, disease cannot even suggest itself. It is fear that claims to prolong it, that claims to feed it. But when Love is seen to be the only Life there is, the only Mind there is, there is nothing to feed fear. All that is unlawful is fearful. To see that fear is constituted of unlawfulness makes it take on a different meaning. We see then more clearly that it is suggestion, animal magnetism, without presence, without reality. The all-powerful goodness of God, all-inclusive, and man the effect of God's knowing this is the all-power and all-presence. Then there is nothing present to fear nor to be afraid. Man is never a condition of fearing. When animal magnetism suggests fear, simply know that *it* is afraid. *It* has always been afraid — afraid from its beginning, because from the standpoint of Truth, or reality, there is no beginning to be afraid, and there is no ending to be afraid. For all is infinite Mind and its infinite, loving, universal manifestation. Indeed, God is All-in-all.

Sometimes we accept the suggestion that the condition is physical, and this is so subtly malicious that it claims to perpetuate itself through this belief. The suggestion is that the so-called appearance is physical. But it is not physical. It is malicious, vicious animal magnetism. We cannot compromise with this apparent physical belief, that is wholly mental in its maliciousness, because any compromise indicates that we are accepting the suggestion that it is physical, material, and then we are on the level of *materia medica*. If we are on the level of *materia medica*, we come under all the doubt and the fear, as well as the so-called incurability. But the Christian Scientist must understand the scientific fact that so-called disease is not physical; it is malicious animal magnetism. It has no sub-



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stance. Only in the presence of the glory of Love itself will it disappear into its native nothingness.

You sometimes hear it said that "mortal mind is having a difficult time with its heart." Mortal mind doesn't have a heart. If it had a heart, it would be kind and gentle and loving. So always know it doesn't have a heart to give it so-called "heart trouble." The only heart is the heart of Love, the heart of divinity, the heart of kindness, the heart of Truth. This is man's present heart, and it is always beating with the rhythm of the universe. Let us see that mortal mind, saying "heart," is a liar. It cannot tell the truth about heart, for heart is not a muscle — heart is love, heart is kindness, heart is gentleness. So man has the most perfect heart there is the heart of divinity It is the Father's heart, and man really is this heart of God, being what heart always is — normal, kind, gentle, perfect in its function, perfect in its action.

Mortal mind has no body, because body is infinite. Body is the temple of the living God. So body is your loving, and loving is your body. Then ask yourself, "What kind of body do I have?" The body of Love. Not a body brought about through lust. Not a body that had to be educated, that had to be fed. Body proceeds from principle; it has the blood of innocency, the blood of immaculateness, the blood of infallibility This is body, and this is heart. Love is the liberator. Love is the law. Love alone is Life. Therefore we are not healing physical, material conditions. We are healing the malicious suggestion that there is a so-called mind apart from God, a mind that knows something besides Love, a mind that is something besides Love. The Mind that is God, is the Mind that is Love, and this Mind is the Mind of man, and man has no mind but God, and therefore man's Mind is Love. So what is called mortal, human, carnal mind is not Mind; it is nothing but evil hypnotic suggestion; it has no body because it is nobody Then never permit it to say "I", because it is *not* "I."

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We must receive the Holy Ghost. What is the Holy Ghost? Is it not light, illumination? We speak of revelation. What is revelation? It is light, illumination. Could we not say that Love means light? For where Love is, there is light, glory, illumination. A face aglow with Love is always a face aglow with light. So let your light, glory, love, so shine that men may see this love, this glory, and glorify the Father, because this glory that cometh from heaven is beyond human countenance, beyond human so-called love. This love, proceeding from and resting upon divine Principle, outshines anything unlike itself. A real Christian Science treatment should not be mere words; it should not be argument. It should be simply the living Love, the glory, the light from this living Love outshining sin, disease and death.

If you must argue in treatment, be sure it is seen that you are arguing with what you call "yourself", and not with a patient. The patient is not somebody over there who thinks he has a disease, or that he is unhappy or uncomfortable. There never has been a patient. There is no patient here, over there, anywhere. The "patient" is evil, hypnotic suggestion, mortal mind, mesmerism. It is neither cause nor effect. There is no patient, no practitioner, no mortal mind to have a private body. God is All, and the allness and oneness of the ever-present God that is Love, eliminates the possibility that there is a patient. All is God *being All!*

Oh, let this Love that is aglow with light outshine what is called objectivity! In your home, in your business, wherever you are, be so unselfed as to let the Love that is Principle shine right straight through what looks like oneself. This was Jesus' great success. He knew that of himself he could do nothing. Mrs. Eddy knew that of herself she could do nothing. It was their ability to *unself* self that enabled them to do their great works!

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In I John, we read, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God." That is to say, *now* is all there is to be experienced. Don't defile your being by having a yesterday, and don't adulterate your being by accepting the suggestion that tomorrow something might happen better than today. *Now* infinity is infinite. *Now* Life is eternal. *Now* Mind is all. *Now* Truth is true. *Now* perfection is identifying itself as man. We live in the *now*.

John wrote, "*Now* are we the sons of God ... and it doth not yet appear ... That is, to personal sense, now never appears, because personal sense cannot live now. Personal sense must live in its dead past, or it must live in its unborn tomorrow. It has no now in which to live. So to it, it "doth not appear." But to that which knows itself to be the son of God, Love itself, it doth now appear. To live in this NOW is to experience the dominion of which Paul spoke to the Romans. "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God."

Nothing can separate us from the eternal Noon. Let us be careful that we do not permit aggressive mental suggestion to rob us of *now*. Love is always now. Love can only live its *nowness*; and in the presence of this *nowness*, there is no accuser. The accuser can only stand in the past to accuse us that something happened out there, or to make us afraid that something will happen in the future. The accuser cannot stand in the presence of now. The Red Dragon cannot fight with the Gabriel of His presence, because the Gabriel of His presence is the *nowness* of His ever-presence.

In the Bible, we have the word *now* almost four hundred times. "Now is the day of salvation." Now! Maintain this *now*. It is so easy to get lost in a yesterday, or to antici-

pate the forest of tomorrow. But now is eternal Noon. NOW is man both lovely and lovable. To maintain the *now* will wipe out the suggestion of delayed healing. There is no matter to be healed. What is called matter is not a substance; it is not a condition. Matter is malicious animal magnetism. Matter is mortal error. Matter is not cause to have an effect. Healing cannot be delayed by the suggestion of tomorrow. There is no material condition. It is pure hypnotic suggestion, and it is handled by picking up the serpent called "yesterday" by its tail and picking up this serpent called "tomorrow," and seeing the nothingness of yesterday and tomorrow. We must so live the *now* of our eternal Noon that the nothingness of the suggestion will appear to us in the light of the ever-present *now* of Love.

There is only *here* and *now*. This Christ understanding makes all conform to the law of perfect action, perfect functioning. Mind is divine, and is the only action. Mind is the action here and now. Therefore Mind is not human, limited, finite, fluctuating. Mind is Principle. There is co-existence of Father and son; there is coincidence of Principle and idea. Then what is called a tumor cannot exist in coincidence. A tumor cannot exist in oneness. The one fact is here and now; and whatever is present called body must remain perfect, free, harmonious. Whatever is unlike it must get out now and forever. Likewise, what is called heart must conform to this *Mowing*: that action is divine, and in this coincidence the only fact is the divine action, perfect and glorious. This redeems the human from whatever is offensive. This concept of body must remain until the ascension. Our textbook says that it was the self-same Jesus that appeared. That is, Jesus appeared until the ascension. We must see the utter impossibility of a so-called problem. We must see the infinite possibility of Mind's infinite allness. "Man is the expression of God's being." (*Science and Health*) Therefore *man is God being Love*. Then All is God saying I AM.



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Handle the curse of Roman Catholicism daily. But it must be handled with the Love that is Principle. When this is done, there is no fear. It must be handled with such a sense of its nothingness that the knowing nullifies even the claim that there is Roman Catholicism. It is only the Love that is Principle that can really handle this heinous suggestion. Christian Science is the light of ever-present Love, and this light leaves no dark shadows of night. When the sunlight comes into the room in the morning, no shadow of night clings to the plants, the furniture, and the like. So it is with the light of the Christ. It leaves no shadow of fear, ignorance, superstition, black magic, et cetera. Christ leaves only the light of Love, outshining any claim of sin or ignorance.

Roman Catholicism has no head, because the God-head is the only head. Roman Catholicism has no Pope, because the only Pope is the infallibility of the Principle that is Love. Roman Catholicism has no priest, because the only priest is the spiritualized man. It has no church, because church proceeds from and rests upon Principle, Love, and is founded on Truth itself. Romanism has no foundation, because Christ is the foundation of the church. Jesus said, "Upon this rock I will build my church." He was referring to the Rock, the Christ, the Truth concerning all. Roman Catholicism has no medium through which it can operate, because its personality is unmasked in Christian Science, and man's individuality is brought to light. Roman Catholicism has no work to accomplish, because all is already accomplished. God is infinitely satisfied with His own universe. There is no miserable sinner for Roman Catholicism to save. Man is saved. Romanism cannot maintain itself on the fear of hell, because Christian Science shows clearly and definitely that heaven is an ever-present fact of being, and man is the heaven of Love's presence.

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Roman Catholicism cannot, through any claim of curse, hypnotic suggestion, or mesmerism, appear on the body as disease, for there is only perfect ease, wholeness, and holiness. It cannot appear as a husband and wife who disagree, for the only husband, the only wife, the only bride, the only bridegroom, is the one universal I AM, saying I AM ALL. Roman Catholicism cannot through suggestion appear as dormant understanding, when man is the Christ-light, the understanding of divine Mind. It cannot appear as disobedient children who have no interest in spiritual light. Nor can it appear to operate through the suggestion of self, because there is no self apart from God! Be alert to the claim that Roman Catholicism can interfere with marriages. Protect your marriage. Protect your marriage by handling Roman Catholicism's curse that we were not married the way Roman Catholicism says it should be done. Handle this! See that your children were not born in sin, but that the only creator is God, and the only son is the son of God. Handle this curse daily, to see that what appears as children cannot be cursed, cannot be made mentally deficient. They cannot be made spiritually dull, nor can they be made disobedient! Romanism can not appear as an unsolvable problem in your experience, nor can it operate through hypnotic suggestion. Christian Science is the operation of the divine Principle, Love, and permits no problem to assert itself

*Know* that this treatment, given from the basis of divine Love, can only appear as great enlightenment, wisdom, love, refreshment. This treatment cannot be reversed by any suggestion. This treatment is not person-to-person. This treatment is the Holy Ghost, and it appears at this moment as the light of the world. Romanism cannot appear as doubt or fear, to mortally assassinate this treatment, or this spiritual *knowing*. When fear or doubt seems to appear, instantly declare: "I know thee for what thou art; now go back to your father, the devil, and tell him that you are

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a liar and the father of your own lies!"

Thus Roman Catholicism is seen to be only a corrupt political organization, and not something to fear, and not something to be prayed over. It must be seen for what it is -NOTHING! It has no organization, it has no adhesion, it has no cohesion. Be alert to its claim that it can interfere with your metaphysical work. See that it cannot project its delusions. See that its so-called blessings are all worthless and cannot be projected, because of the omnipresence and the omnipotence of divine Love. It is the understanding of Love's Allness, Love's indivisibility, Love's oneness, that wipes out any claim of a curse. What is called body should appear pure, wholesome, and clean.

Understand, we do not fear Roman Catholicism. We know it for what it is, and it cannot dominate, it cannot control. It cannot act as the President of these United States, because the presidency is established by the Constitution and the President is not a person. The President is not a place. The President is the consciousness, the whole knowing, the combined knowing, of the United States, the States united in one, and one in all. Therefore the light of this treatment eliminates, and completely obliterates, any claim that Roman Catholicism could be a President, or that it could in any way get us into difficulty or bring crises to us. Roman Catholicism cannot act. It cannot project itself The President of these United States is really the Christ-consciousness, and it is this Christ-consciousness that cannot be invaded. It cannot be manipulated. It cannot be made to make an unwise decision. The Christ-consciousness, the only consciousness there is, is Principle's own self in operation. This is our President, this is our Congress, this is our Supreme Court, and this is the Government of every state in these United States! It is all-inclusive. It takes in every country; it takes in every hamlet. It leaves nothing out. It takes the cup of Christ to all!



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Mrs. Eddy once said, "God told Moses to handle the serpent. But Moses said, 'There isn't any serpent. Where is the serpent?... Then Mrs. Eddy continued, "Handle it." Aren't some of us, as Moses, saying, "There isn't any serpent"? But God commanded Moses to handle error, and when he had handled it, he could say there wasn't any. Why? Because he had translated it into spiritual reality, making the seeming into the being.

Now be certain *you see* what you handle. You handle it as nothing. Then keep it nothing. Daily handle its claim of curse. You handle it by living the Love that is light. You handle it completely. You nullify it by Love. Therefore, when any suggestion of hate or resentment or fear or uncertainty comes, instantly say to it, "I know you for what you are; go back from whence you came; you are the devil, the liar, NOTHING!! And the light of ever-present Love obliterates you, and leaves only the functioning Christ, the light of the world!" This is giving the cup of cold water to all!

This treatment is scientific knowing. It is the spiritual understanding, the healing power, the power of the Word felt. It is Love living and knowing. It knows: I AM wonderful, the Father's daily delight.

The question is often asked, "Why are we not healing the cases we should?" To this question Mrs. Eddy replied, "It is because you do not understand how to handle animal magnetism." Mrs. Eddy says the specific term for error or mortal mind is animal magnetism. The specific term for all evil, whether it claims to be personal or impersonal, is animal magnetism. We have a chapter in our textbook that unmasks animal magnetism. It shows that it is not a person, a place or a thing, but is hypnotism or mesmerism. Hypnotism or mesmerism needs a personal mind through which to operate. So animal magnetism has no basis when it is seen that the "I" is God, and that man has no "I" but God!



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Mr. Edward Kimball told of a woman who came into his office needing help because she believed she had feathers on her arms. He knew there were no feathers, but the aggressive mental suggestion had her see and feel feathers where there were no feathers. So we do not treat the feathers. We treat the patient for the belief that there is a private ego or mind that can have such delusions.

It is very important for us to see that there is no personal mind to hypnotize, or to be hypnotized. Mind is God, and there is no separation between Mind and what Mind knows, between Mind and what Mind sees. Therefore we must learn how to handle animal magnetism. To handle animal magnetism means, in everyday language, to *realize* that divine Love is all-presence and all-power, the only activity. To see divine Love, fight where animal magnetism seems to be, brings the deflection into proper view. Love is the only presence, the only power, the only Mind or Life there is. Then we are to look through the mask that animal magnetism presents, and see divine Love. It is then that we feel the immensity and the ever-presence of Love, filling all space. What you have called animal magnetism thus vanishes, and all that is left to be experienced is the Love, that is divine Principle.

Mary Baker Eddy writes of angels entertained un-awares. However, the treatment makes us entertain the angels *aware*, for we find in our *Leader's Message for 1902*, "A danger besets thy path? — a spiritual behest, in reversion, awaits you." This deflection, rightly viewed, will make every experience a Mind experience. Mass mesmerism or malpractice claims to be our experience until we handle animal magnetism from the divine standpoint, and then we have peace, because we have disarmed it. We see that if any action is going on at all, the action is God's Love-action. If it is going on at all, it is Mind, Love, identifying itself. The substance is Love. It then ceases to be delusion or illusion. As Jacob said, "I will not let thee go,

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except thou bless me." Divine Mind is All-in-all, and we must make every experience, every situation, every happening declare for God, divine Love. When we look it straight in the face, we can say to any happening, "If you are real, if you are true, then you have the magnificence of Love; if you have any action, then it is Love-action; if you have any life, then it is Love-Life." In other words, make every experience declare God, Love — divine Principle!

Where man is, God is. Then all that is present is God being Father-Mother, All-harmonious! What God is being Father to, is the son or man. We must not deal with animal magnetism as an entity having identity. When we make every situation reveal Love, then the offensive act ceases to be offensive, but becomes loving and kind. The dying man ceases to die, because Love alone is Life. The disease seems to lose its destructive activity, and Love is all that is present, saying; I am hale, whole, and hearty." Love then becomes our All-in-all, and we are lost in the eminence of this one divine presence. In this Christ-knowing, every case will be healed, no matter what the claim, no matter what the name or label. Our Leader says, "The use of a lie is that it unwittingly confirms Truth." (*Unity of Good*) Therefore, animal magnetism must be made to bring forth Love, all-power, all-presence, spontaneously expressing itself See that this Love is all-penetrating, is all-inclusive, and leaves nothing out. Thus it is present in all its purity, to be experienced as conscious identity, or man.

Love is impartial in its adaptations and bestowals. It is unselfish, because it includes all. By making everything declare Love because Love is All, we find All is infinite Love and its infinite manifestation. We find Love indeed is All-in-all. What is called "oneself" is divine Mind expressing its own infinite identification, not a person with a mind. No! God is infinite Mind. Man has no mind but that of God. There is no personal, or private so-called mind.

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Daniel did not look at lions and change them into divine ideas. Daniel did not consider himself to be a person. Daniel knew himself to be the functioning of the presence of the Love that is God. He knew all that could appear as his experience was Love loving. Let the King believe there were ferocious lions. That did not change the basic fact as Daniel saw it — Love was all there is or was to the King, and Love is all there is or was to the lions, This is why Daniel could say to the King, "Oh King, live forever." Because Love is All. Was not this what happened to the boys in the fiery furnace? They made the fire bring forth the presence of Love. So, in this purifying Love, there was no flesh to be dissolved; there was no flesh to be burned; there was nothing carnal to objectify itself-, there was simply Love experiencing its own loveliness.

Is this not what Joseph did? Certainly Joseph had every reason to permit carnality or animal magnetism to seem real. But Joseph saw only the Love that is God present to be experienced, whether he was sold into slavery, imprisoned, or maligned by Potiphar's wife — it was of no importance. He had but one thing to do, and that was to witness to the presence of the Love that is Principle, That is what Jacob finally did also. He saw his brother's face as if it were the face of God, and the evangel said, "Love is all."

On the cross, Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Jesus, living the Christ — that is, witnessing to the Love that is God — knew no crucifixion; he knew no death. He didn't rise from the dead, because he had never been born to die. He said, "Before Abraham was, I am." Yes, this seemed to restore what is called life, but Life had never died to be restored. Jesus knew himself to be the Principle that is Love. Jesus was not a person forgiving persons; Jesus was not a person living the Christ. Jesus *lived* the Christ, and there was no personal Jesus. There was no Jesus to limit him. There was no

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Jesus to act or react. There was simply the Love that is Principle being experienced and identified as the being of all. That is why Jesus could say with such certainty that they may be one, even as we are one." He knew the oneness of all being. He had nothing out there to forgive. He had nothing out there to hate, because he knew the motivating power of Life to be Love, God.

Thus it is, that this Love must wrap all, embrace all. Put the garment of Love upon everything you see or meet or hear. Then we can experience what Mrs. Eddy tells us, "Man is the climax of creation; and God is not without an ever-present witness, testifying of Himself." (*No and Yes*) Man is the climax of Love in being. Man is the floodtide of Love. Love is divine Principle.

What about Mary Baker Eddy? Did Mrs. Eddy live as a person telling the Truth to the world? Or did she say, "Of myself I can do nothing?" When Mrs. Eddy asked those in her class if they loved her and they said "yes!", she said- "No, love and include me, but don't love me." She meant don't love the personal sense. Make what looks like the person bring forth Love's presence. She was not fooled by animal magnetism. She knew it, she unmasked it. In other words, she unmasked that which was called Mary Baker Eddy. She did not permit Mary Baker Eddy to be the avenue through which God worked, but she saw the nothingness of the flesh. She saw the nothingness of incarnate error. Living the Christ identity, Mrs. Eddy could say to the world (not as Mary Baker Eddy but as the Christ nature of God):" Follow your Leader only so far as she follows Christ." (*Message of 1901*) It was this precious Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, who was prepared to lay her earthly all on the altar of Divine Science, and who could later write of Christ Jesus, "To carry out his holy purpose, he must be oblivious of human self " (*Miscellaneous Writings*)

Thus it is with us. We must be oblivious of any personal self that wants to love or be loved. All must see that



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the Love that is Principle is present and identifying itself. This Love brings comfort, it brings peace, it brings home, it brings companionship, it brings abundance, and it brings food. Never leave it in the appearance. Always take it back, clothe it in Love, and see that right here is the Love that is God, saying I Am. Then one sees that all there is to what is called oneself is I AM THAT I AM.

Let this Love that is impartial, this Love that is universal, so flood our homes, or government, that the Love that is Principle, is seen to be All-in-all. Let us feel this Love. Let us feel it permanently, consciously, eternally, infinitely. For this Love that is Principle, leaves no personal ego to say "I." It leaves only the I that is Principle—present to say I AM.

A group of us were talking about the Bible story concerning the Shepherd who left the ninety and nine, and went after the one lost sheep. Someone asked the question, "What were the ninety and nine doing? Were they gossiping about the one that had left the fold?" The Master Shepherd went after the one. Now what were the ninety-nine doing? The ninety-nine were knowing that *one* had never been divided into a hundred parts. The ninety-nine were knowing that there is no ninety-nine, that there is only one, indivisible, adorable One, and this One identifying itself multifariously, and that there had never been a lost sheep. This parable is given to us to show us the One always remains One!

Make every experience reveal God, Love, because there can be only God, Love. Man is what God is loving, what God is being, what God is knowing. Watch carefully on this point, because suggestion would tempt you to believe that there is something operating as your experience besides the Mind that is Principle. Man has no mind but God. The Mind of Love is the Mind of man. Insist on this "in season and out of season." Let nothing else abide with you as Mind but this one divine Love, filling all space, leav-

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ing no room for aught but itself Only God, infinite Love, is All, and this governs, controls, identifies, because it is All. The grandest, safest, wisest way is to make everything reveal the love of God, and then it ceases to be afflictive, it ceases to be frightening, because it is God saying I AM. The action is God, the functioning is God, the movement is God. All is God — circulation, temperature, everything is God — pressure is God, everything concerning the body is God, because it is all going on in Mind, as Mind, and nothing else is present to function, to act, or to be acted upon.

This is the law to your experience. It is the law to every happening. Be the law, so that nothing can misinterpret what is going on. Let the divine Principle interpret itself. This true interpretation is the Father saying, "This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased." The Love that is all-penetrating, all-inclusive, this Love becomes the Love that is you and me. Rest in this. Live in it. Rejoice in it. Make everything reveal God. God is All, declaring Himself to be the God of All. This is what I AM, this is what I have always been — the delightfulness of my Father-Mother God. This is the only day there ever has been — the day in which Love alone is Life.

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All there is to what you call "yourself" is God being Himself, or cause being effect. This is the I that is God being I AM. Therefore, I cannot give my glory to another because there is no "another." The glory that is God as cause is the glory that is man as effect. Man is the effect of God's glory, so all there is to yourself is the glory of God. This glory cannot age, because this glory knows no time. This glory cannot fear, because this glory is Love's substance. This glory cannot be born, because this glory is Life's eternity. This glory cannot sin because this glory is the immaculateness, the infallibility of Principle. This

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glory cannot err because it has the substance of truthfulness. The glory of God can only love and be loved, because *Love is All*.

Acknowledge this to be your one and only self, the glory of God. Live this glory of God. Radiate this glory of God, and this is to be the temple of the living God. Acknowledge yourself to be now, here, the glory of God, and nothing inglorious can touch it. Nothing, therefore, that could make a lie could attach itself to the glory of God. See man, divine idea, as the presence, the very functioning, the activity of the glory of God. Seeing thus, is to have the experience of generic, preexistent, eternal nature. "Dwelling in light, I can see only the brightness of my own glory." Acknowledge and live this glory, for it is conscious identity.

Mrs. Eddy is quoted as having said, "There is one way through, and only one, and this is to become unselfed." It is interesting, too, that the very first sentence of our textbook, in the chapter on "Prayer", says this, "The prayer that reforms the sinner and heals the sick is an absolute faith that all things are possible to God, — a spiritual understanding of Him, an unselfed love." An unselfed love starts out from the divine Principle, Love itself. It is impartial in its adaptations and bestowals. Therefore unselfed love is the need of everyone. To be unselfed love, we must always start out from Principle, Love itself. See that effect, man, cannot testify of himself. Effect is always testifying to God. Effect, reflection, is not loving. Effect is simply testifying to the great spiritual fact that God is Love, and therefore Principle.

To be truly unselfed is never to be the patient, but to be always the Christ-consciousness or practitioner. Frequently we become the malpractitioner to ourselves, by accepting the satanic suggestion that it is our own condition, Then we treat it as if it were part of us, or on us, or in us, or in some way connected to us — that is, that we are

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involved with it. But be the practitioner, the Christ-consciousness, the Holy Ghost, and every effect will immediately declare: I AM THAT I AM. This is the one way of being unselfed.

To unself oneself is the whole purpose of Christian Science. Every idea that appears in the line of creation is unselfed love. The Bible says, "In the beginning God . . ." Every thought begins with God, the All-in-all. It emanates from Him as His glory, His perfection, His freedom. All is God being, because effect, to be oneself, must have nothing of itself, but must be the self that is God being itself. This is to be unselfed. The drop of water becomes one with the ocean the moment it touches the ocean. It ceases to be the drop, and becomes the surge and the power of the ocean. So when we drop the personal sense of ego into the infinite ocean of Love, all the characteristics, the qualities, the attributes that constitute Deity, constitute man. This is to unself self. In our textbook, we read, "The starting-point of divine Science is that God, Spirit, is All-in-all, and that there is no other might nor Mind, — that God is Love, and therefore He is divine Principle." Admitting that God, Principle, is alone present and operating, permits one to solve what appears to be the problem.

Let us never personalize evil. To personalize it is to make it difficult to handle. Watch unceasingly on this point. Satanic suggestion tries to get us to give it a name, to make it a place, or even a thing, or to say it is a person. It calls itself sickness, or accident, or a hurricane, whereas it is nothing but the claim of malicious animal magnetism, hypnotism or mesmerism. Evil is always saying, "Give me a man." It has no man, because all man is divine, all man is eternal, incorporeal, universal. Man is as impersonal as God, Principle itself, because man is the activity of the Principle that is Love. Watch carefully to see that evil is not person. It is not over there, not a group of people over there. It is not an organization over there, or a government



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over there. It is always right here, claiming to operate as our current mind. Suggestion claims to operate as our own consciousness and have us see it as person, place or thing. It even claims to be multiplied. But we must refuse to have many, — many patients, many problems, many races. It is always the one evil suggestion itself. That is where “alertness to duty” comes in. We must not be made to forget nor to neglect our duty to God, to our Leader and to mankind, but know there are not many patients waiting to be healed. There is but *one* patient, and that is the one evil, hypnotic suggestion, appearing in many guises, many races, many forms or bodies, and so on.

In order to heal with the Christ power, we must see evil for what it is not, no thing, no body — because of the indivisibility and the allness and the oneness of God. Our duty to our Leader is to see the revelation in its absolute clarity, Mrs. Eddy writes in *Retrospection and Introspection*, “Whatever ... divides Being into beings, — is a misstatement of the unerring divine Principle of Science, which interrupts the meaning of the omnipotence, omniscience, and omnipresence of Spirit, and is of human instead of divine origin.” So it is not scientific to divide what is called evil, mortal mind, into “many.” If we accept the concept of “many”, multitudes, and try then to heal them, we momentarily will have left our Science of being for shadow chasing.

Mrs. Eddy tells us in *Miscellaneous Writings*, “The noblest work of God is man in the image of his Maker; the last infirmity of evil is so-called man, swayed by the maelstrom of human passions, elbowing the concepts of his own creating.” Here our Leader says that we “elbow” our own concepts. But never be made to forget that the oneness and allness of the Christ is the healer to the satanic suggestion of “many.” There are not many. Even as there is but one God, one man, so there is but one claim of evil and its claim of a mortal man.

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We know well the By-law in *The Mother Church Manual*, Article VIII, Section 6; "Alertness to Duty. It shall be the duty of every member of this Church to defend himself daily against aggressive mental suggestion, and not be made to forget nor to neglect his duty to God, to his Leader, and to mankind. By his works he shall be judged, — and justified or condemned."

Every student must be obedient to this By-law. It takes unselfed love to be alert to handle apparent evil in the guise of laziness, fear, superstition, apathy, inanity. As long as we can be made to believe that evil is person, place or thing, we are not able to help, to heal or be healed. The moment we see that tuberculosis is not disease, see that cancer is not rebellious cells, that diabetes is not organic, that heart trouble is not muscles, that the drunkard is not personality, that the hurricane is not wind and rain, that the earthquake is not a troubled earth, the thief is not a person, *then* we can heal instantly, because we have impersonalized suggestion and have seen that it is nothing more than the so-called activity of mortal mind — hypnotism or mesmerism, As Mrs. Eddy has stated, animal magnetism has been *unmasked*. Some students use the term "mortal mind" as if it were a mind apart from God. But our Leader says *mortal mind, hypnotism or mesmerism!* Then mesmerism is not mind; mesmerism is the absence of mind. Let us therefore, see that there is no mind to hypnotize, to mesmerize or to be mesmerized. We must know there is only *one* Mind, God!

The practitioner loses his ability to heal or to help when he or she personalizes the suggestion, wonders what it is, what its name is, or what a doctor would say about it. This is all there is to the so-called activity of malicious animal magnetism. It is Jesuistic deviltry, claiming to operate through manipulation, brainwashing, and the like. The alert student cannot be made to forget that the only Mind present to operate is divine, and this divine Mind is the

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present Mind of man. Love is the way. The greatest love is to see the impersonality of the claim, and the impossibility of it from the standpoint of revelation.

Many students, if not alert, are made apathetic. They say the Lesson Sermon is dull; they seem to get nothing from it. But do they see that animal magnetism is trying to preserve itself, trying to maintain itself by such arguments? Do they really see that at this point they are being made to forget? The Bible Lessons, of the *Christian Science Quarterly*, are especially significant on the subjects of: "Ancient and Modern Necromancy, alias Mesmerism and Hypnotism, Denounced", "Everlasting Punishment", "Probation After Death", and others. These Lessons must be carefully studied because they are exposing Romanism, Communism, and the general belief that claims to act as mentality.

When you find yourself apathetic or dull, *declare* instantly: You, animal magnetism in the guise of thought, cannot dull the apprehension of Christliness; you cannot dull the brilliance of what I AM; you cannot interfere with the clarity of the Christ power that I AM. Handle this apathy. As our Leader says, if necessary "insist vehemently upon the great fact. . ." (*Science and Health*)

When students permit this dullness, this apathy, to come in, it seems to be the first step toward separating us, or bringing apostasy. Watch this carefully. See that Mind is unerringly present to express its own directness, controlling all, seeing all. We see clearly the impossibility of matter, from the standpoint of the first sentence of the "Scientific Statement of Being." This leaves only the divine Mind in its unerring direction to be the experience, to be the Life, the intelligence, the substance, the Truth of All. It leaves only God present, Love in all its power, glory, freedom and being. Let us acknowledge and see our one and only identification from this standpoint of Love itself. Love that is Principle does not permit us to have "another." There is no "another" anywhere. It is all God experiencing what

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God is. *Unselfed* love does not have another. Unselfish love does "seem" to have another, with which it is unselfish. *Unselfed* love permits nothing but Love, Principle, Life, Soul to say *I AM THAT I AM*.

As Paul once said, "By Thy grace, I am what I am." True love for the Cause of Christian Science will not permit us to be made to forget nor to neglect our duty. We cannot be made to commit an act foreign to the natural inclinations. The Christ is the remedy here, and let us, with this great Love that is Principle, include all mankind. Then there is no malicious mind to operate as malpractice. Love for what Christian Science is doing and has done for all, will make students ever more alert. Our daily defense is our alertness to see that there is no private mind to manipulate or to be manipulated, to mesmerize or to be mesmerized, no private mind to be made to forget. Your work will show forth your alertness. Love is the way and Love is the liberator. Love gives us this daily defense. We must make the most of it by being alert.

Never be footed into handling effect in your daily work and practice, but always see that there is but *one* Mind, even God, present to manifest itself lovingly. We are not dealing with a patient. We are dealing with the hypnotic suggestion that Mind is not all, and that there is something besides the goodness and love of Mind to be experienced as identity. This is a lie, a fraud. There is nothing present but God, good, the all-power and the all-presence. All there is to be experienced is this Godliness. Then let us leave the basis of belief of a practitioner here, a patient there, and let's unite with the one Mind, and bring out God's unerring direction. This is to have unselfed love, which is true prayer,

The false sense of the human seems to have us try to become the sons of God, rather than to simply live the revelation that man is the son of God. Don't try to pull yourself up by your own bootstraps — that is, don't try to



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make yourself loving, to try to make yourself kind. It is impossible, for man is Love in being. Man doesn't need to be made loving; man is loving. As long as we seem to accept the suggestion that we are mortals, we seem to grapple with spiritual facts. Let us not grapple any more. Let us not fight. But let us relax into what man divinely is. Drop the tenseness of trying for the relaxation of acknowledgment. Your environment is the infinite God-consciousness, and this is present to your sight and sense here and now. All there is to what I call "myself" is God being Himself, and He is all right, therefore I am all right. There is no doubt concerning it, because man is divine Mind's identification.

Let's look now, for a moment, at this statement from *Science and Health*. It says, "Jesus aided in reconciling man to God by giving man a truer sense of Love, the divine Principle of Jesus' teachings, and this truer sense of Love redeems man from the law of matter, sin, and death by the law of Spirit, — the law of divine Love." The true sense of Love — that is, this unselfed Love -redeems man from the suggestion of being person or personal, and permits man to function as divine idea, the direct functioning presence of Love, Principle itself This truer sense of Love, the divine Principle of Jesus' teaching, is the law of Spirit, the law of divine Love.

When something is in the pawnshop, we pay the necessary amount to get the article out. This is called redeeming — that is, the article is freed. The Christ redeems us from the personal sense of self. We have paid the price for this redemption by giving up the personal sense — that is, the sense of a personal self with its restrictions and limitations. This redemption through divine Love frees every action, movement, function, and faculty from the satanic suggestion of material organs. When we believe that organs have anything to do with life, we have put ourselves in the pawnshop, and the Judaic concept of an eye for an

eye will demand the utmost farthing. But let us keep our concept of self out of the pawnshop of personal sense, so that we do not have to keep going back to redeem it day after day. Let us redeem it once and for all by seeing that it is nothing but satanic suggestion that says we are material persons, that we did or we didn't do, that we said or we didn't say, or that we loved or we didn't love. Let us redeem ourselves here and now and forever by acknowledging that the Christ is the identity of all. Then when the "prince" of this world comes and says "I", we immediately see that we have been redeemed by the Christ. Therefore we do not act or react to the so-called "prince" of this world, and it finds nothing in us, because we are not in the pawnshop any longer. So we do not have to pay the price. For the true sense of Love, the true sense of I AM has redeemed us from the personal sense of "I." This redemption, as Love, never loses sight of loveliness. Hence, it sees nothing to redeem or to be redeemed. When the full redemption has taken place, only Love is present, reflecting Love. This is to have that unselfed love that heals instantly. Human morality, human will, human so-called right thinking cannot act to help in this law of redemption. Jesus gave us the true sense of love, and it is this true sense of love from Jesus' teachings, and Mary Baker Eddy's revelation, that redeems us. This marvelous redemption redeems all. This is *scientific* redemption.

We must be careful not to use Christian Science to change darkness into light, or to change what is called a bad physical condition into a good one. We must see that Christian Science is the revelation of that which is true now. Christian Science must be lived; it must be loved. Christian Science is not a poultice to be applied. Christian Science is to be practiced and lived. This living, this practice, this loving, is the Christ activity. We must be sure that we are not in the realm of physical healing. To accept the suggestion that we are in the realm of physical healing is to

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have the inept, incurability of medical mesmerism come upon us. Christian Science heals *metaphysically*. It shows that there is no mind but God. Man's being is, was, and ever will be in this Mind. There is no mortal mind to have a mortal body.

Christian Science is the most glorious thing that ever happened to what is called the human being. It shows us what God is and what man is. This is heaven here and now. Man is simply the term for all that God is being, the expression of God's being, the reflection of God. The reflection gives back everything that the original has, is, or can be. Nothing is withheld. There is no personal man. Man is generic. Get used to being generic man. Whenever something knowable, something grand, something glorious, is being done, or said, or heard, or seen, it is always the one 1. It is the one 1, God, being what I AM, doing it all.

Generic man does not permit identity to be here, and not there. Man is the infinite expression of infinite Mind. Acknowledging and living generic man permits one to live unlocalized. It permits one to experience infinity, without going or coming. This is to experience the universe of Love. See that man has never been present as personality. When alleged crimes seem to happen, always think: Not guilty! — for man is never guilty, for man is God's expression of His own purity, His own innocence. Always maintain your innocence to be generic, universal, everywhere present. This is to be the Father's full reflection. Acknowledge your generic nature. This brings with it such a sense of Love, universal Love, that we need not stand in awe of it, because identity is the loving of the Love that is God.

We should look deep into realism, and see even deeper into the "Scientific Statement of Being." If we accept the first sentence of this statement of being as the revelation of Truth here and now, there is no personal sense to

contend with. There is no myth mind to have a myth body, because right where the human concept seems to be, the Life that is divine, the intelligence, the primal quality of Mind, the substance, the very being of God, is present; and this feeling, this knowing, this being, is identification. Now can we not see why Jesus could say, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father"? It is always I seeing what I AM, being what I AM, knowing what I AM. Then everything concerning this myth mind must be mythological, deceptive. There is no such mind. There is no such body. The revelation of the "Scientific Statement of Being" is that there is no objectified identity, no objectified man — all is subjective being. This simply means that all exists in and of Mind itself. There is nothing outside of Mind that Mind can take cognizance of. Mind knows all, and this knowing *rejected, is man.*

Why does it seem so difficult to let go the personal sense of self? Is it not because we have become accustomed to thinking of it as identity? Yes, this is the reason. It is only as we have the unselfed Love that is God that we wipe out the selfishness that wants to pray all the time for itself — afraid that it might die, afraid that it is alone. To have the unselfed love that is God, divine Principle, is to have no self, no sense of self apart from God. It is where the drop of water ceases to be the drop and becomes the power and the glory of Love itself! It is where the pane of glass is dissolved, and no medium, no avenue, no channel is permitted. It is Love directly expressing and experiencing itself. Man has never been separated from God. If someone believes himself to be a sinner, show him the immaculateness of his true being. If someone believes himself to be old and unwanted, show him that he has never left heaven for a mess of pottage. We can rejoice because of this message of Christian Science. It is radiant with light. It is so tender, and so gentle it excludes nothing. It takes all in from the blade of grass to a star.



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Never be self-centered. Never permit your love not to see the seeming anguish of another, and supply the need by knowing that right where it stands is holy ground. This is love. This is the Love that Jesus knew so well — the Love that is divine Principle. This is the Love that Mary Baker Eddy knew so well. It is the universal Love. It is the Love that is "looking deep" into reality. Look deeper into reality all the time. Think, "Father, Love, All," for nothing else is here but the Love of God being felt. Love, Life, Truth, are ever-present to be experienced as identity. This Love, this feeling, this Love flowing from the throne of God, leaves nothing unlovely. It goes to every part of the body, making it every whit whole, as body means universe, body means infinity, body means consciousness.

In *Miscellany*, our Leader has written, "The little that I have accomplished has all been done through love, — self-forgetful, patient, unfaltering tenderness." All there is to what you call yourself is God being — God or cause being effect. This is why I can of mine own self do nothing, and this is why I cannot give my glory to another. The glory that is God, is the glory that is man. Man is the effect of God's glory in being. Man is the effect of Soul attributing. Man is the effect of Life and its vitality. Man is the effect of God being — God!

Sometimes we are not clear on the words *know* and *think*. The dictionary says that *know is*, "In possession of information; to identify; to acquaint with; to be skilled in; to understand." Now God is All-knowing. Therefore man has no need to think. Reflection cannot think. Reflection is *knowing*. The word *think is* defined in the dictionary as, "To think about; to ponder over; to take into consideration; to recollect." Man cannot think with the Mind of God. Man is the functioning of the Mind that is God. As long as we think we are persons, we must think, because it is natural to that state of thought. Once one finds oneself to be divine idea, at that point one stops thinking — one is no

longer required to think — one is no longer permitted to think, because *knowing* is the natural state of man. Then let us leave the basis of belief that we are thinkers, and let us unite with the one Mind, and let Mind express itself, reveal itself.

Ask yourself many times during the day, Am I thinking? Or is Mind expressing itself? If you find yourself thinking, correct it, and know that nothing sitting in a chair can think. Mind is present and expressing itself, and this might seem to appear as what the world calls thinking, but the alert student is never fooled. He knows it is not thinking. He knows Mind is intelligently self-expressing, and this is knowing!

In Christian Science, we are not followers of anyone. In Christian Science, we live the Christ. In Christian Science, we do not follow persons because we are not persons to follow persons! When we speak of following our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, we do not mean we follow her person. We follow the Christ teachings that she has so clearly given us. Mrs. Eddy says, "The Christian Scientist is alone with his own being and with the reality of things." (*Message of 1901*) If someone sees us as person, corporeal and finite, we are not responsible for what he or she sees. But we are responsible to "see" that we have never followed any person. This teaching cannot be compared; it is incomparable, because it is proceeding straight from divine Principle, Love. Paul said, "Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided?" If we accept that there are different kinds of teaching in Christian Science, with which we agree or disagree, we sap the movement of its vitality! Let us never do this ignorantly or maliciously. We should embrace the Christian Science movement in the only *one* true teaching, the one Teacher, and feel so keenly that this teaching embraces all, that the movement is this teaching made manifest! This love of the teaching will dissolve

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any misinterpretation or misconception. We must be certain that we never add fuel to the argument that there are different kinds of teaching. Christian Science is absolute. It is final. It cannot be diluted by whatever false theology would say. Christian Science must be practiced from the standpoint of its absoluteness. Never forget that Christian Science is the Science of Love, and this Love must be felt as conscious identity. The Love that is Principle is never cold or harsh. This Love is exact. Love is final. Love is orderly, always sparkling, shining, scintillating, kind, and gentle.

Thus we must drench everything that appears as consciousness with this Love, and remember that there is nothing objectified here in our universe. All is subjectivity. It is Love that is Principle saying I AM, and being this generic Love, is all that constitutes church, family, neighbor, friend, and so on. Sometimes it seems too difficult for some students to see that what appears as home, friend, church, work, is one's own conscious identity. It is not outside. If it is seen that the tree, the flower, the bird, the earth, the church, the universe, the friend, the teacher, are all subjective, then we are experiencing our generic nature. Then we love spontaneously everything that appears.

Mrs. Eddy has given the world a great example of how to lay aside the human sense of self. She has said of Jesus, "To carry out his holy purpose, he must be oblivious of human self" (*Miscellaneous Writings*). Throughout all her writings, she shows us how to get the human self out of the way, in order that the divine reality might express itself effortlessly and without any mediumship. It was our Leader's great ability to get personal sense out of the way that made her the great Discoverer to the world. This was her gift to humanity.

In the First Series of *We Knew Mary Baker Eddy*, we read, "The verse on page 39 of this poem, 'Christ and Christmas,' shows our Leader's utter realization that the human self was not a factor in her writing, but, rather, that it was

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set aside that the revealed Science of Christianity might freely flow. This stanza reads as follows:

*As in blest Palestina 's hour,  
So in our age,  
'Tis the same hand unfolds His power,  
And writes the page.*

Again, in this same First Series, we find a student asking Mrs. Eddy about a metaphysical statement that had been made by a Christian Science worker of some prominence at the time. The student told Mrs. Eddy, "I could not reconcile the thought to my own understanding of metaphysics ... was I right in refusing to accept it?" Mrs. Eddy replied, "Your own interpretation is entirely correct, and in this connection I want to impress upon you one fact: no matter how exalted a position a Christian Scientist may occupy in the movement, never accept what he may say as valid unless you can verify the statement in our textbook, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*. "Of course this is true. The textbook is our authority for teaching. The textbook says that, "The woman in the Apocalypse symbolizes generic man." Now generic man means the universality of man, the infinity of man, the indivisibility of man — man the full, infinite manifestation of infinite Mind. Therefore all is generic man. This then would symbolize the woman in the Apocalypse.

When the Bible speaks of "the woman", does it not mean that the *Motherhood* of God had to be revealed at some time? Jesus revealed the *Fatherhood* of God. Because of this, the Christian world has ever been grateful to be able to say, "Our Father, which art in heaven." Jesus knew that the world, (there was no Christian world at that time — it was mostly Judaic, Roman, etc.), was not willing to accept a feminine sense of God. So he predicted that at some future time "the Comforter" would come and bring us the *Motherhood* of God. The Bible records it as the "woman



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appearing." Thus it is that Mrs. Eddy revealed the Womanhood, the Motherhood, of God — that is, the feminine aspect or qualities of God thereby completing the revelation of our Father-Mother God.

In one of the early editions of *Science and Health*, author Mary Baker Eddy used the terms, "Mother", "She", and "Her", when referring to God. However, she changed this in the very next edition, because she realized the Christian world, including the students of Christian Science, would not accept this sense of a feminine God. Nevertheless, Mrs. Eddy has revealed to the world the Motherhood, the tenderness, the gentleness, the forever protective nature of our Mother-God who is Love. The revelation was completed with this truth — our Father-Mother God!

There should be no confusion on this point. Mrs. Eddy was and is the Discoverer, Founder and Leader of Christian Science. We are not chosen children of God. God does not choose. God is divine Principle, and everything in the universe is God saying I AM THAT I AM. It is Soul identifying itself. It is Love gently caring for its own self-expression. Let us be clear on this point, for then we see the completeness of the divine revelation known to the world as Christian Science.

In the First Series of *We Knew Mary Baker Eddy*, one of Mrs. Eddy's students made the statement that she felt that the secret of Mrs. Eddy's great achievements could be explained on no other basis than her at-one-ment with God, and her boundless spirit of universal love for all mankind. She writes, "Prior to my taking class instruction with Mrs. Eddy, this was beautifully expressed to me once by our Leader in conversation, in the words she used to describe her healing work, which, as near as I can recall, were as follows: 'I saw the love of God encircling the universe and man, filling all space, and that divine Love so permeated my own consciousness that I loved with Christlike compassion everything I saw. This realization of divine Love

called into expression "the beauty of holiness, the perfection of being" (*Science and Health*), which healed, and regenerated, and saved all who turned to me for help.' The way Mrs. Eddy said the word "Love" made me feel that she must have loved even a blade of grass under her feet."

Love is instilling all. Love is penetrating all. But the moment we permit Love to have a personal sense, we cease to have the Love that is God, the Love that fills all space, the Love that encircles the universe, the Love that is manifest. The moment we have a personal sense of love, all we have is what is called human love and that has no tint of reality.

Mrs. Eddy saw unselfed love. The Eddy concept had been laid on the altar of divine Science. She says she saw that the human had none of the divine hues. She knew that the human had neither presence nor existence, because there is no human mind to have a human body to torment, to kill, or to murder. Mrs. Eddy saw the Love that is God, the Love that is Principle, the Love that knows nothing unlike its own Love, that sees nothing but its own Love. The Love that knows nothing to punish, knows nothing to have a hell for. The Love that is Principle operates as conscious identity, or man.

This is the Love that is the Christlike compassion. It is the Love that Jesus felt when he was confronted by the "strange woman." As is recorded in the beginning of the chapter on "Christian Science Practice" in our textbook, "If the Scientist reaches his patient through divine Love, the healing work will be accomplished at one visit, and the disease will vanish into its native nothingness like dew before the morning sunshine." (*Science and Health*) Pray for this Love. This Love can come only as we get rid of personal sense — the suggestion that we have a personal sense of self that acts and reacts, that likes and dislikes, that loves and hates, that has courage or can be afraid. Oh, understand, there is no personal concept of man. All man is di-

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vine, all man is infinite, all man is eternal. See the Love that is God penetrating all, instilling all, healing all. Then we will be seen only as incorporeal Love itself

In *Miscellaneous Writings*, we read, "The ... final immersion of human consciousness in the infinite ocean of Love, is the last scene in corporeal sense. This omnipotent act drops the curtain on material man and mortality." In our textbook, we read, "Divine Science ... lifts the curtain on man as never born and as never dying, but as coexistent with his creator." This omnipotent act of acknowledging the infinite ocean of Love, including man — man that is the power of this Love in being, man that is the surge of this infinite ocean of Love, man that is the light of this divine Love — this potent act drops the curtain on material, personal sense. Christian Science lifts the curtain on man and drops the curtain on personal sense.

Now, when we are at the theatre and the final curtain drops, we know the show is over, and so we leave. Thus it is in Christian Science. The show is over the show of personal sense is over. The curtain has dropped, and let us refrain from going back to see what is going on. The play is finished. The characters were only dreams — pure fiction. There is no substance, no identity in the show. We have dropped the curtain, and then man's identity or consciousness reflects only the light of ever-present Love. This is the Spirit, the substance, the consciousness termed in Christian metaphysics the ideal man, permeated with eternal Life, holiness, and heaven. We do not have to go any place to go home, after the show is over. Man is home, man is heaven. We read in *Miscellaneous Writings*, "The encumbering mortal molecules, called man, vanish as a dream." If it is a dream, then tell it as a dream.

Man was never healed in Christian Science; man has been revealed as being perfect, even as God is perfect. Christian Science is not on the level of healing. We leave that basis of belief, unite with the one Mind, and bring out

God's unerring direction. This lifts the curtain on man, and drops the curtain on personal sense; and then man, born of the great forever, lives on, God-crowned and blessed. Now let us keep the curtain down on the dream. Never go into it; see it as a play, a farce. See it for what it is. The masquerade is over. Keep the curtain up on man, the glory of our Father-Mother God!

We must acknowledge the coincidence of Principle and idea, Father and son. When the human and divine coincidence is clearly seen, then nothing is present humanly; everything is present divinely. Divine action, divine circulation, divine rhythm called heart action, divine breathing — the deep drawn breath fresh from God, divine, sustaining infinite. Circulation, pressure, temperature, all are present in and as Mind. In this coincidence, then, we see there is no human, restricted sense of man. The coincidence recognized, is Principle and idea *one*. But right where the human seems to be, the divine saves us from this limitation and restriction that we are calling the human personality. We thus rise higher and higher from an unlimited basis.

We must never wait for what is called material sense to substantiate spiritual reality. Divine ever-present facts are always present and in manifestation. The carnal suggestion is that we must wait for the evidence to appear through what is called the treatment, or through the operation of the law of nature. Let us stop this suggestion of carnality by steadfastly identifying ourselves as the Truth of being which is always present to spiritual sense. The knower, the knowing, and the known, are all one being; and there is no possibility of lapsing from or returning to. Christian Science not only lifts the curtain on man — that is, the coincidence of Principle and idea — but Christian Science also drops the curtain on the personal sense of self in this true realization of coincidence. Love demands of us that we see the coincidence of Principle and its idea. In



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this true coincidence, the idea is seen to be the functioning presence of Principle itself, cause being effect, God being His own manifestation.

The "Scientific Statement of Being" gives us the true sense of coincidence, and it is necessary to see that this true sense leaves no humanity It leaves only divinity. Mrs. Eddy stated that to carry out his holy purpose, Jesus had to be oblivious of the human self We too must be oblivious of the human self whether it is called oneself or another. The human self is so impertinent; it is saying, "I — I am — I want — I did." Yet, all the time, there is only the "I" that is God, the I AM THAT I AM. So let us see that in this coincidence only the Ego that is God is left to say I AM, and nothing else has presence to say I am.

Cause and effect are one being, Principle and idea one, coincidental. The understanding that Love is present as Principle, and that man is Love's own self-expression — this understanding brings with it the coincidence of Father and son. For we have seen once and for all, that All is infinite Mind, infinitely manifesting itself as All.

### Part IV

In the Bible, we read, "The Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him; for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart."

"Love never loses sight of loveliness." (*Science and Health*) From the standpoint of the world, physique may be beautiful, perfectly formed, and so forth. But it can be a picture of beautiful evil — as our Leader says, "sometimes beautiful, always erroneous."

We read in the Scriptures, "Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment."

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"Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not?"

"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

Mind is perfect Principle. Therefore its faultlessness is the faultlessness of its idea. We can never be fooled by the deception called personality, whether called oneself or another, because it has been proven to be pure deception. Know God as faultless Principle, forever conceiving faultless idea — idea constituted of the substance of Love. As we see this, we will never see the distorted picture called personality and thus criticize it, and come down to the level of the lie. Stay up on the wall of Love — the Love that is Principle — and look deep into reality. Looking through the eyes of Love, we can see only the loveliness and the brightness of our own being.

Body is the harmonious functioning of Love. Fear, hate, rebellion, dissatisfaction, resentment, are not cause — to cause corruption or interruption, or to interfere with the harmonious functioning of Mind. This harmonious functioning is the law of God, governing and controlling the functions of the body, wholly spiritual, matterless. Even what is called the human concept of body must conform to the perfect law of liberty, for all functioning, action, motion, is Love. It is Love that does the oiling, the lubricating, because body is frictionless. Love is the source of all movement, action, function, and this Love is Principle.

When the slightest suggestion comes, no matter how insignificant, let us be alert and deny it admittance. The

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Bible says that "He saw his brother's face as if it were the face of God," Love. All right then, what about seeing our own face the same way? Can we accept the suggestion that we are persons, and yet see the true spiritual individuality of our brother? It is impossible. Love never "loses sight of loveliness."

Many times during the day, remind yourself that the Principle that is Love is the source of all being, and that it is present, expressing itself as the action, the knowing, the movement, the seeing of all. Love is not only the source of all, but it is the condition of all. It is even the temperature of the body. It is the circulation of the body. This leaves no little "me" to try to function. Love is the liberator from every kind of suggestion. Suggestion, no matter how aggressive, how malicious, how vicious, cannot sustain itself in the presence of Love realized and felt as the identity of all.

Love gives one the feeling of infinite satisfaction. Mind's infinite manifestation is infinite completeness, infinite wholeness, infinite well-being, infinite satisfaction, because Deity is satisfied with His work. Why? Because it is the emanation of His own infinite self-containment, and self-containment is divine satisfaction or fulfillment. Man is the breath of the Almighty, the breath of the Holy Ghost. What is called matter can never condition man. Man is in good condition, because man is God-conditioned, Love-conditioned. Therefore man is in lovely condition always.

Matter is mortal mind, hypnotism, mesmerism. Mesmerism is not cause to have an effect. Therefore it can make no conditions for man. Matter is a harmless illusion of material sense.

Mind, divine Love, cares for and tenderly nourishes its own idea, man, because man is Love's self-completeness, Love's unassailable nature. Man is the beloved of the Father, in whom the Father-Mother is well-pleased. There-

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fore when a suggestion of guilt comes, *know* your innocence. You are innocent of ever having been a person, doing or not doing. Remind yourself constantly that there is nothing personally present, but just *Mind*, intelligence, Love, Life, expressing itself in all its identity called home, friend, work, or church.

The kingdom of Love will never be found by looking for it. You will never be able to say, "Lo here, or Lo there is the Kingdom." The kingdom of Love is within. Whoever shall know himself shall find it. Strive to know yourself, and you shall be aware that you are the son or daughter of the Father-Mother. It is by love that men pass out of death into life. He who does not love has never been alive. David sang in Psalms, "Thy gentleness hath made me great." The understanding that the Love that is God is present, cannot be obscured, cannot be masked. This Love is present and is felt as conscious identity. This Love hath made us gentle. Love has created man in flawless perfection, and maintains man in unlabored self-perpetuation. How joyous, how relaxing it is, how liberating it is to know this fact, and to accept it as our present experience — Love ever expressing itself in flawless perfection for all.

A friend wrote that in teaching a Sunday School class one day, she told the class the story of Noah's Ark. After explaining it, she asked the children how it was that Noah and all in the Ark felt so safe during the long, long flood. No one answered. Then a very small five-year-old child looked up and said, "Because they were all cosied up with Love." Another time, it was the story of Daniel in the lion's den, and many of the children were wide-eyed as they thought of Daniel's plight. But the smallest child was not in doubt about Daniel's welfare because she knew that he, too, was cosied in Love. She knew the same about the three Hebrew boys in the fiery furnace. Some time later that little girl was



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in what seemed to be a very severe accident, where a part of a building gave way and fell on her. The men working to free her had feared she was mutilated. But she was all right. When her mother asked her later if she had been afraid while they worked to free her, the dear child said, "No, 'cause I was all cosied with Love." Do we have such childlike trust — are we "cosied" in Love?

"Cosy" to this child meant comfortable, loved, secure; and she applied it here with the word Love. Man cosied in Love, is warmed, protected, loved. Man is, and always has been, completely enfolded in God's love, inseparable, indivisible, eternal. Let us stop trying to bring this about. Let us relax and enjoy that man is cosied in the love of God, perpetual freedom. As the Hymn says, "He holds us perfect in His love, And we His image bear." Many healings are brought about through the childlike acceptance that this fact is true.

Let us be like the child and accept with joyous, relaxed freedom that it is already so — that Love is present and being experienced as identity.

It is said that Mary Baker Eddy once remarked, "Man walks the earth enveloped in atmosphere of Life, Truth and Love, which holds him in spiritual gravitation. And the force of Love, which man reflects, repels all the illusions of the carnal mind. Man is the son of God and knows his sonship."

We need to see that even what are called "infinitesimals" all belong to the Mind that is Love. The carnal mind claims that infinitesimals are its agents for subversive activity. It asserts that a germ can destroy the health of man, that a clot of blood can rob him of his intelligence, that a touch of electricity can consume him, that a bullet can take his life, and so on, But Jesus once said that the very hairs on the head are numbered, are cared for, and that the lilies of the field were and are clothed by divine Love, and the least of all seeds, the mustard, could

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become a tree for birds to rest in. Does this not show us that Love takes care of the infinitesimals as well as the infinite? There is nothing too small or too great that the Father cannot care for. See that everything that concerns your identification home, church, work, all is cared for by the love of the Father.

Sometimes intellectuality fools us. Mrs. Eddy wrote, "'Tis the Spirit that makes pure, That exalts Thee, and will cure." So it is the spirit of Love, the spirit of Truth that relaxes and brings joyous, childlike acceptance. We can be obedient to what our Leader says, "Willingness to become as a little child, and to leave the old for the new, renders thought receptive of the advanced idea." (*Science and Health*) Man is forever in the Love that is God. The very atmosphere is Love, the presence is Love, the substance is Love, the Life is Love, Mind is Love; seeing is Love, feeling is Love, hearing is Love. It all comes down to the one eternal fact: that God is Love and man is all that God is being. What God is being, is man — universal, eternal, forever warm, forever loved, forever tenderly watched over. Without man, Love would be unexpressed. Principle and idea is one, and in this coincidence, in this oneness of the Father and son, in this eternal coincidence, nothing unlike Love can remain, because in the coincidence, all that can possibly have presence, reality, substance, is Love.

'Tis Love, always Love. Say the word quietly. Love. Rest in it. Love. Feel it. All-penetrating, going to every part of the body — and body is universal — body is church, body is government. Feel this Love, and then nothing is left to respond to the personal sense. Truly, it is unselfed love. It was this unselfed nature that Jesus knew so well — this *agape* love, love that never loses sight of its own pure being. Our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, saw this Love, and was willing to lay aside every suggestion of personal sense, and let the Love that is Principle, be the only presence. We

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can now go forth as the very living of this divine,  
ever-present Love, "For Love alone is Life." (Poem: *Love*  
by Mary Baker Eddy)

